Memo for Mrs.C.E.Davis
Smithfield,Va.

Mrs.S.S.Crockett
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ELEY of Tenn.Ky. & N.C.

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Will Book "A",p-27
Will of Eli Eley (Jr.)
I-I3-I806; 2-I7-I806

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Eldest son Mitchell Eley
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Jesse Eley
Thetus Eley
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Executors:
Brother Edward Eley
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4-2I-I8I2;I-I8-I8I3

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daughter Polly Phillips Eley
" Patsey Brown
" Tabitha Eley
son Eli's children
son Lawrence Eley
son-in-law George Brown
son-in-law- Mark Gelham
Executors:
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son Lawrence Eley
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Maple Grove Cemetery
Russellville Ky.

Sacred to the Memory
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Edward Eley
Born April I0,I783
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ELY GRAVESTONES

Russellville Ky. Maple Grove Cemetery

ELI ELY

BORN I820

DIED I865

SUE V.
WIFE OF ELI ELY
Born Dec. 25 I830
Died Dec. 3I I90I

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Born April I0 I783
Died Sept. 5 I85I

He was more than twenty
years a worthy Member of
the Baptist Church
at Russellville, Ky.

Old City Cemetery, Clarksville-

Fannie C. Wife of W.J.Ely
Born Jan. I5 I834
Died I86I

Clarence Snider- son of (above) born I8---

Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville

William Jamison Ely
Born 5 Oct. I885
Died 28 Nov. I907

CHARLOTTE ELY

BORN Mch. 28- I809

DIED Aug. I7 I87
"Gone but not forgotten"

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

The Eley Family of Isle of Wight County,Virginia, is an old and distinguished one. They were among the original settlers,and were large land owners and men of affairs from the first immigrant. They were churchmen,for their names as vestrymen are found on the records of the oldest church,now called St. Luke's,but formerly known as the Old Brick Church. We find them as members of the court,Justices, soldiers of the Revolution and war of 1812.; also officers of the Militia and members of the General Assembly.

FIRST "EELIE"TO ARRIVE IN AMERICA
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Robert Eley,I.

In 1639,Robert Eley came to America and obtained a grant of land consisting of 600 acres in Isle of Wight County,Va., on which he with eleven others settled on September 17,1639.(See Isle of Wight Land Grant,Page 670,Richmond,Va. State Library Building)

Robert Eley,II.

It is believed that the son of the Robert Eley was also named Robert and lived and died in Nansemond County. Unfortunately,the County Records were burned and the early records are destroyed for all time. There appears to be but one record of Robert Elye,the first,in which he signed his name,and that is to be found in Surry County Records, Book I. Page 112, 30 June,1642. It reads like this: " William Barker, of Kettle Creek,in Virginia,planter, and John Flower 900 lbs. of tobacco. Witnesses,Thomas Drew,Robt Elye. Other records of Robert Elye the first follow:

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Robert Eley III (Third)
Robert Eley,the second,appears to have married Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie,of Nansemond County. The Eley Family lived in Nansemond County at that time.

Deed Book 2. Page 55. Isle of Wight County. Dec. 9,1706. Indenture between Robert Eley and Lieut. Col. Henry Baker,of ye upper parish of Isle of Wight,400 acres near a certain plantation called Wooten's,granted to my grandfather,Robert Eley, being part of a patent o of600 acres,bearing date, Sep. 17,1639,desdended to me as heir-at-law of my grandfather,Robert Eley.

Isle of Wight Co. Records. Deed Book 2. Page 56. Nov. 9,1706. Martha Eley,Upper Parish of Nanzemond County,appoints father,James Doughtie to acknowledge with Col. Henry Baker all her right and interest in 400 acres of land in Isle of Wight County,where Col. Henry Baker now lives.

Burke's General Armory. Both Burke and Fairbanks quote arms and crests of several well known Doughty Families.
The Doughty Family of Surry England,is descended from the Saxon family of Doughty,or Dougherty. Arms: Ar. 2 bars between three mullets of six points sa pierced or.
Crest: A cubic arm erect,vested per pale crenelle or and ar,cuffed gold,holding in the hand ppr. a mullet,as in the arms.

Doughty-- Henry Montague,of Theberton Hall, Suffolk,-originally of Lincoln Arms: two bars between as many mullets sa. pulvera.
Motto: Palma non sine pulvere.

Robert Eley III, appears to have married Jane Braswell,daughter of Robert Braswell,who was rector of a church in Isle of Wight. He was elected a member of the House of Burgesses,but was not permitted to serve as such,due to the English laws relative to separation of Church and State.

Robert Braswell's Will. Wills & Deeds No. 2. Page 52.
Legatees: Daughter,Jane Stoaks and her childreh; Daughter,Rebecca West; son, Richard Braswell; son, Robert Braswell; servant,Elizabeth Hall;daughter,Ann Bagnall. Mr. Richard Izard,and George Gwillen, to be guardians to my children. Made Feb.,15,1667. Prob. May 1,1668.

"Daughter Jane Stoaks" after two previous marriages,married John Roberts.
Will of Jane Roberts. Isle of Wight County. Wills & Deeds 2. Page 56? To son, Robert Eley,100 acres of land-more or less- being part of a patent of 450 acres granted to John Roberts and Jane his wife,July 20, 1680, bounded as follows:- all the land on the lower side of the branch called the Long Branch,south side of the Beaver Dam Swamp the former deed directs that was her husband, William Parker's, deceased.
To Thomas Jones that land that he now lives on that he bought of my brother,Richard Bragwell,to him and his heirs forever. To Rebecca Brinkley five shillings. aughter,Jane Scott, one shilling. To son, John Roberts, To son,Thomas Roberts.To granddaughter,Martha Saunders,100 acres... that was her fathers and mother s. Wit. Wm. Scott,Robert Scott,John Sellaway. Made June 26, 1711. Prob. Aug. 4,1713.

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Eley Family. Page 5. continued...

Rebecca Eley,born June 11,1741;died Apr.23,1788,daughter of Judge John Eley,Gentleman, Justice of Isle of Wight County,Va.,in 1769.
Warren William Denson

John Eley Denson,a son, born Jan. 16,1764,mar. Francis Hillsman Apr.2,1807. Augustus Russell Denson,son,b. Jan. 12,1812.Mar. Elizabeth Ivey,born August 9,1819. Parents of A.H.Denson,Attorney; andJudge Nimrod Davis Denson,of the Supreme Court of Alabama. The latter,father of Jno. V.Denson, and N.D.Denson etc."
(This was written by James Henry Eley,Union Springs,Alabama.)

Michael Eley and John Eley,Jr. were Gentlemen,and Justices of the Court in Isle of Wight in 1766. Michael Eley,Sheriff in 1768.
Benjamin Eley was Justice in 1772, also 1773-83.
John W.Eley,and Lieut. Exom Eley in war 1812.

William Denson was a Quaker,and his family appear prominently in the Qual Records. He was Burgess for Nansemond County in 1659.
His children were:-

Francis Denson	b.	Dec.1,1651.
William	"	" Nov. 25,1653.
James	"	" Aug. 8,1657.
Kathereen	"	" " 4,1659.
Sarah	"	" Nov. 14,1665.
John	"	" Mar. 20,1666.
Joseph	"	" Nov. 14,1669.

Mary,dau.of
John Denson married Francis Bridle,of Isle of Wight the 12th day of the ninth month,1682. etc.

William Denson,son of John Denson,married the 12th day of the12th month, 1723,Amy Small,daughter of Benjamin Small,Chief Justice of the Nanse-Mond Co. Court in 1687. William Denson had a son William,born Dec. 20,1732 and died May 22,1781,in Franklin County,North Carolina,a soldier of the Revolution.(See Soldiers in the Rev of N.C..,page 133.

The last named William Denson married Rebecca Eley,born June 1,1741,died Ap 23,1788,daughter of John Eley,Justice of Isle of Wight in 1769,and a descendant of Robert Eley,who patented 600 acres in Isle of Wight in 1639.

Isle of Wight Militia
Capt. William Eley (Court-May,1761)
Lieut. Benjamin Eley (Court- Nov.5,1772.)
Robert Eley
Lieut. John W.Eley
Lieut. Exum Eley-29th Reg. Va. Volunteers

Vestrymen of Old Brick Church-St. Luke's
Benjamin Eley,1776.

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Eley.

Passengers that passed from ye port of London*** from Great Britain to the American Colonies. Certified under ye Ministers hand of Gravesend, etc. [illegible] Smithfield, Va. (Genealogist)
Robert [illegible] Records found in that county.
In the Primrose. Captain Douglas (State Library, Richmond)

(1) Robert Eley obtained a land grant of 600 acres in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, for the transportation of himself and eleven other persons, on Sep. 17, 1639.
(Isle of Wight Land Patents, page 670, Richmond, Va. Land Patent Office, Capitol Bldg)

Isle of Wight County Records, Deed Book 2. Page 55. Dec. 9, 1706.
Indenture between Robert Eley and Lieut. Col. Henry Baker of ye Upper Parish of Isle of Wight County, 400 acres of land near a certain plantation called Wooten's, granted to my grandfather Robert Eley, being part of a patent of 600 acres bearing date of Sep. 17, 1639, descended to me as heir-at-law of my grandfather, Robert Eley.

Note: This Robert Eley's father appears to have lived and died in Nansemond County, Va. where all of the records have been burned. One Robert Eley had wife, Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie, of Nansemond County. Isle of Wight records, Deed Book 2. Page 56.

Isle of Wight County Records, Wills & Deeds 2. Page 567.
Will of Jane Roberts

4 To son, Robert Eley, 100 acres of land, more or less, being part of a patent of 1450 acres, granted to John Roberts and Jane his wife July 20, 1680, bounded as follows- all the land on the lower side of the branch called the Long Branch, south side of Beaver Dam Swamp, etc. To daughter, Mary Parker, 100 acres on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp---as the former deed directs that was her husband, William Parker's, deceased. To Thomas Jones that land that he now lives on---that he bought of my brother, Richard Braswell, etc. To daughter, Rebecca Brinkley, 5 shillings. To daughter, Jane Scott, one shilling. To son, John Roberts. To son, Thomas Roberts. To my grandson daughter, Martha Saunders, 100 acres on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp, bounded as the former deed did direct that was to her father and mother.

Made June 26, 1711, Jane Roberts
Probated Aug. 4, 1715

Wit.
Wm. Scott
Robert Scott
John Sellaway

Note: The land mentioned in this will is found in the part of Isle of Wight County that later became Southampton County. This lay on the edge of Isle of Wight. Some of this land mentioned being in Nansemond County.

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References-- ELEY

(1) Copied on reference pages 53 - 4 - 5 ✓

Ref for 4-17-

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In the Primrose- Captain Douglass.

Land Patent Office Building, Richmond, Va.
Land Book No. I. Page 670.
Robert Eley 50 acres for his own personal adventure and 550 acres for transportation of eleven persons into the Colony, Sep.I7, I639.

Isle of Wight Co. Records, Deed Book 2, page 55- (Abstract)
Indenture December 9, I705, between Robert Eley, and Lieut. Col. Henry Baker of ye Upper Parish of Isle of Wight County, 400 acres of land near a certain plantation called Wooten's, granted to my grandfather, Robert Eley, being part of a patent of 600 acres bearing date of Sept.I7, I639, Descended to me as heir at law of my grandfather Robert Eley----- &c--- &c--

(Note: Robert Eley's Will shows him to have land in both Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties. He lived apparently in what is now the village of Chuckatuck, just over the line from Isle of Wight, in Nansemond.
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Isle of Wight Co. Records, Will Book 3- page 233. (Abstract)
Will of Robert Eley
To son Robert, I00 acres adj. Henry Saunders and John Roberts- to Mr. John Leafs
To son James, I50 acres, adj. John Roberts, Jeremiah Exum &c.
To son, Edward, 80 acres from land fromerly Samuel Watkins to Main Swamp
To son John, 80 acres along Samuel Watson's to Thomas Parker's, to Jeremiah Exum's
To som Michael the plantation where I now live, reserving to my two daughters, Christian and Mourning Eley a privilege to live on the said plantation with the said Michael until they are married. If my son Michael should die without lawful issue, then to my son William Eley.
To son Robert, negro woman. To son James, negro girl. To son Edwardnegro girl.
To son John the same. Also to Eley Eley and William Eley.
To daughter Martha Williams a negro girl. The same to daughters Rebecca, Christian and Mourning.
Sons Robert and Michael Executors.
Witnesses:
Joseph White
William Denson
George Armstrong.

Made April 5, I738
Probated, July 23, I739.

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Isle of Wight Will Book 4. Page 223. Made April 5,1738. Rec. July 23,173[illegible]

Robert Eley Sr. Will
Mentions son,Robert and gives him 100 acres on Long Branch,ad. John Roberts to Henry Saunders line,to White Oak in Little Poquoson and down to Main Swamp, ad. John Lear.
To son,James Eley, 150 acres along John Roberts' line and Long Branch between Jeremiah Exum and myself.
To son, Edward Eley,80 acres lying at what was formerly Samuel Watson's to the Main Swamp etc.
To son, Michael Eley the plantation where I now live,and all the appurtenances thereto belonging only reserving to my two daughters,Christian and Mourning Eley privileges to live on said plantation with their brother Michael during their maidenhood,or until they marry. If Michael should die,then to son,William. To William a bequest.
Daughter,Martha Williams.To Martha,dau. of my son James. Son, Eley.
Daughter,Rebecca Williams.
Daughter,Mourning Eley.
Sons, Michael and Robert exors.

Witnesses, Joseph White, William Denson, George Armstrong.

Isle of Wight Will Book 5. Page 276. Made March 29,1750 Rec. Nov.1,1750.

Robert Eley Sr. Will
Leg-son Gale,the land I bought of Mary Parker; son,Robert; wife,Allis; daughter,Amy; daughter,Martha; daughter,Rebecca; daughter Allis Darden.
Exors. wife and son Gale Eley.
Wit- John Roberts,Thomas Roberts,Henry Saunders.

.Note..Robert.Eley's.wife.was.Alice,daughter.of.Thomas.Gale.....

Note. The Allis Darden (Alice) above,was the wife of Hardy Darden

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Will Book 3. Page 331. Nov. 15,1732. Rec. Feb. 26,1732.

Will of Thomas Gale.
Wife,Alice; daughter,Sarah; Daughter,Elizabeth Sykes; Daughter,Mary Bryan
Daughter,ALICE ELEY; son,Thomas.Exrx.Wife Alice.
Wit. William Scott, Thomas Bullock,John Hampton.

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I.
Name Robert Eley
Born
Died
Resided Nansemond Co. Va.

B.
D.
R.

2. Robert Eley — Jane Braswell

3. Robert Eley — Martha Doughtie

d.I739
Isle of Wight Co. Va.

4. Eley Eley — Ann Lawrence

d.I745-50

5. Eley (Eli) Eley — Prudence
b.Southampton Co. Va.
d.I8I2 ,Logan Co. Ky.
R.Hertford Co. N.C. (Service,I772)

6. Eli Eley — Sally
b. Hertford Co. N.C.
d. I806 Logan Co. Ky.
R. N.C.& Ky.

7. Jesse Ely — Charlotte Jamison
b.Logan Co. Ky.
d.Montgomery Co. Tann.I847
R.Clarksville, Tenn.
b.Clarksville,Tenn.
d. " "

8. Jesse Ely — Ruth Chaffin Whiteside
b.
d.Nashville, I896
R. Nashville
b.Shelbyville, Tenn.
d.CNashville,Tenn.

9. Jessie Ely — Wm.Ridley Wills
b. Nashville
d.
R. Nashville

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ELEY.

Southampton County, Virginia, Records.

Order Book 2. Page 372. August 11, 1757.

Michael Eley guardian to Samuel Eley, orphan of Eley Eley deceased.
John Eley guardian to Eley Eley, orphan of Eley Eley, deceased.

Minute Book I. Page 345.

Ann Eley Dower set aside.

to son, William. To son, Eley Eley, a bequest, To son, William, a bequest. To daughter Martha Williams, To daughter Rebecca Williams, To daughter Mourning Eley a bequest. Sons - Robert and Michael Eley, executors.

The children of Robert Eley and his wife Martha (Doughtie) Eley are

1.1.1.1.Michael Eley. (one of the executors.)
1.1.1.2.Robert Eley. married Alice Gale. (also one of the executors.
1.1.1.3.Martha Eley married _____ Williams.
1.1.1.4.Rebecca Eley Married William Williams 1738.
1.1.1.5.James Eley
1.1.1.6.Edward Eley married Ann Lawrence 1730. (She married Joiner in 1750 - Will Book 5, page 249. Will Book 6, page 246.) She was sister of Jeremiah Lawrence.
1.1.1.7.Eley Eley.
1.1.1.8.William Eley. married Elizabeth Denson, 1750 (Daughter of William Denson - Will Book 5, page 274. Children Amy and Benjamin.
1.1.1.9.Christian Eley.
1.1.1.10.Mourning Eley. She was a witness on June 6, 1796.

ROBERT ELEY.1.1.1.2.

Robert Eley, the son of Robert Eley and Martha (Doughtie) Eley - married Alice Gale in 1732; she was the daughter of Thomas Gale. (Will Book 3, page 336. - Will Book 5, page 276 - Isle of Wight.)

Robert Eley will made March 29, 1750, probated November 1, 1750, recorded in Will Book 5, page 276. - To son, Gale, all land that I bought of Mary Parker, also short gun, case of pistols and sword, featherbed, furniture, etc. - Son, Robert Eley, my plantation and all the land belonging to same, reserving the privilege that my wife Allis (Alice) Eley, and my three daughters, Amy, Martha and Rebecca may have the use of the said plantation during their single lives, and to Robert, my son, my gun and brass breech. To loving wife, Allis (Alice) Eley, negroes, (mentioned by name). To daughter, Allis (Alice) Dardan, chairs, tables, heifers, etc. To daughter, Amy, a negro, dish, basin, etc. To daughter, Rebecca, a negro, dish, basin, etc. To daughter Rebecca, a negro, dish, basin, etc. Wife Allis (Alice) Eley and son Gale Eley, Executors. Witnesses - John R. Roberts, John Roberts, Henry Saunders.

The children of Robert Eley and his wife Alice (Gale) Eley are:

1.1.1.2.1.Robert Eley.
1.1.1.2.2.Gale Eley. married Mary _____.
1.1.1.2.3.Alice Eley married _____Darden. (Hardy Darden? - J. M'C.)
1.1.1.2.4.Amy Eley.
1.1.1.2.5.Martha Eley.
1.1.1.2.6.Rebecca Eley.

GALE ELEY.1.1.1.2.2.

Gale Eley (son of Robert Eley and Alice Gale) had only one son of record and he refers to his wife as Mary Eley. In his will he leaves property to his two grandchildren, who were no doubt children of a deceased son.

Gale Eley's will made December 4, 1792 proved February 4, 1793 (See Will Book 10, page 248, Isle of Wight). "I lend to my loving wife, Mary Eley, her first choice of my young negroes, six of them, and enough property for her support during her single life or widowhood. (He wants this property eventually to go to son Robert Eley. Mentions granddaughter, Elizabeth Eley, giving her negro, mentions grandson, Gale Eley, giving him negro. If these grandchildren die, then to return to son Robert Eley).

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EARLY VIRGINIA ELEYS

The earliest Eley records in Virginia would seem to be in Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Southampton Co. Virginia.
Eley Eley the Colonial Soldier of Hertford Co. N.C.(I772) who died in Logan Co. Ky. in I8I2- seeming to have gone there about I800, was apparently born in Southampton Co. Va. where his father's estate (Eley Eley) was settled in I750.

The following records show transactions of this family from Robert Eelie the Emigrant, following in a straight line, three Roberts, three Eleys and three Jesses.

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Prozenitor ~~of the First Settlement in Virginia~~ of Kentucky and Tennessee Eleys. (Eley)

State Library, Richmond, Passengers in the Primrose, I635.
"Original list of ~~Passengers~~ Persons of Quality Who Went From Great Britain to the American Colonies."
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(Picture and sketch of Church.

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Prosecutor of the to
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Robert Eley 50 acres for his own personal adventure and 550 acres for transportation of eleven persons into the colony, Sept. 17, 1639. Robert Eley, William Neville, Henry Barnes, James Drake, Richard Fisher, Elizabeth Haskins, etc. etc.

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(red) James Robert, Lawrence [illegible] (not Hinchwell) P-2

Isle of Wight County Records
Wills and Deeds 2. Page 567.
Jane Robert's Will.
To son Robert Eley (son by 1st. husband) 100 acres of land, more or less being part of a patent of ;450 acres granted to John Roberts and Jane his wife July 20, 1680. Bounded is follow --all the land on the lower side of the branch called the Long Branchon south side of Beaver Dam Swamp etc. (If you will notice Robert Eley's will, made 1739, you will notice that this is the same land he wills to hisson Robert Eley)
To daughter Mary Parker, 100 acres west side of Beaver Dam Swamp---- as the former deed directs that was her husband William Parker dec'd.
To Thomas Jones that land that he now lives on----that he bought of my brother, Rickard Braswell, to him and his heirs forever.
To Rebecca Brinkley 5 shillings.
To daughter Jane Scott 1 shilling.
Son, John Roberts
To son, Thomas Roberts
To grandaughter, Martha Saunders 100 acres west side of Beaver Dam Swamp bounded as the former deed did direct that was to her father and mother.
Witnesses: Made June 26, 1711.
William Scott Probabted Aug. 4, 1713.
Robert Scott
John Sellaway.

Robert not III

Isle of Wight County Records, Deed Book 2, Page 55. (Abstract)
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(red lines)

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ELEY

(red) Robert III

Abstract Copy of Robert Eley's Will
Will Book 4. Page 233.
Isle of Wight County Records.

Robert Eley's Will
Mentions,
Son, Robert Eley gives him 100 acres of land on Long Branch etc.
Son, James Eley 150 acres of land etc.
Son, Edward Eley gives him 80 acres etc.
Son, John Eley gives him 80 acres etc.
Son, Michael Eley " the plantation where I now live" etc.
Two daughters Christian and Mornin Eley (~~calls latter Mourning Eley in another place.~~)
Son, Eley Eley (red line)
Son, William Eley
Daughter, Martha Williams
Daughter, Rebecca Williams
Robert and Michael Eley, Evans

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Daughter, Rebecca Williams
Robert and Michael Eley, Exors.

Witnesses,
Joseph White Made April 5, 1738
William Denson Probated July 23, 1739.
George Armstrong

Duplicate

* Section for afterthought —

ROBERT Eelie- or Robert Eley -I635-I639-- early adventurers- may be father of Robert-below--

ELEY

I.Robert Eley,Isle of Wight Co. Va.(Will,4/5/I738-7/23,I739- bequeaths to- sons: Robert; James; Edward;John; Michael;William; daus.: Christian & Mourning Eley; dau., Martha Williams; dau. Rebecca; Son, Eley Eley.*

*(anything to show he is son?)

2. Eley Eley-- (his appraisement,Isle of Wight Co. Aug.25, I740.) Orphan's Court,Southampton Co. Aug.8,I754, "Samuel Eley, son of Eley Eley,deceased." Ibid. Oct.I4, I756,Estate of Eley Eley deceased, orphan Ely Eley to have his part. Ibid.Aug.I4,I760,Ely Eley,orphan of Eley Eley,dec'd. Ibid.Sept.I2, I754, Michael Eley,gdn.Samuel Eley, orphan to ~~Samuel~~ Ex Eley Eley." Ibid,Aug.II,I757,Michael Eley gdn.to Samuel Eley, John Eley gdn. to Ely Eley,orphans of Eley Eley,dcd."

3. Ely Eley of Hertford Co. N.C. (Southampton Co. Va. Book 3-p-373- Deed between Samuel Eley & wife Mary of Bertie Co. N.C.--- Apr.30-I763- Franklin Co.N.C. June-1794- Will of-- proved by oath of Eley Eley & Prudence Eley N.C.Colonial Records,IX-297- Militia for Hertford Co. 28,May, I772- Eli Eley,Lt. Roster of Soldiers in Am.Rev. from N.C.: Eli Ely Capt. Oct.I2, I777-- Lemuel Ely, Capt. 28,Nov.I776-- Samuel Ely,Capt.Ded.I7, 1776.

* Prudence- Nothing to show Eli's removal to N.C.?)

Will of Eli Eley, Logan Co. Ky. I8I2-I8I3- wife,Prudence;sons,Edward,Lawrence; son Eli's children---- "my land in Franklin Co. N.C."

4. Eli Eley- Sally Eley

Will, Logan Co. Ky. I/I3,I806-2/I7,I806. wife Sally;sons,Michael;Thetus;Jesse; brother Edward Eley---- "my land in Franklin C. N.C."

5. Jesse Elyb.I803,d.I847, M.I830; Charlotte Jamison

Settlement of Estate,Montgomery Co. Tenn.

6. Jesse Ely, b.I837;d.I896;m.I866 Ruth Chaffin Whiteside

Marriage License- Settlement of Estat

7. Jessie Ely William Ridley Wills

Married,Nashville- living--

Mrs. Davis —

* Reffering to the abstract I of W deed book 2-p-55-Dec.9,1706-- Will you kindly indicate the order of precedence of the Robert Eleys-- before the Robert Ely I have numbered"I" at top of this page-? giving your reasons.?

C C

p-2- Memp for Mrs.Davis
from Mrs.Crockett

Duplicate

ELEY

Ist Census of N.C . p-26

Eley,Edward, I male over I6, including head of family,
I male under I6
I female
I3 slaves.

Eley, Michael (Mitchell?) I male over I6
4 females
9 slaves

Hertford Co. N.C. was erected I2,Dec.I758 from Chowan,Bertie & Northampton.
Bertie was carved out of Albemarle in I722
Northampton in 174I or I743 out of Bertie.

History of Hertford Co. by Winborne,p-37-
Muster of May 26, I772,Ely Eley, Lt.
p-I67, Samuel Eley, War of I8I4.

N.C.Colonial Reeords
IX-297

Regiment of Militia for Hertford Co. at a General Muster the 28th day of May, I772--

Commissioned Officers

Henry Hill (dead)Capt.
Sam'l Cryer,Capt. removed-

Ely Eley, Lt.
3 sgts.; 3 cpls'; I drummer;
50 under arms
I0 absent
60 total

Benj.Wynns, Collo.

N.C.State Records, XVI,I65I-
7th Rgt.Ely Eley, Lt. Macon's Co., II,Dec. I776.
Captain, I2 Oct. I777. Omtd. Jan . '78/

N.C.State Records, XVII-208
Abstract Army Accounts (Warrenton)
Eli Ely, Capt. 254-6-8 3- I78I-85-

Roster of Soldiers in Revolution from N.C.-- Eli Eley, Lt. Capt.
Lemuel Eley, Capt.

Duplicate

Eley- Eley Family of ... of ... County, Virginia.

This name is derived from the Isle of Ely, in Cambridgeshire, England. In Cornish-English it signifies "a place of willows". The Isle of Ely was a religious seat in the beginning of the Christian era in England. Among the first of the name on record was Nicholas De Ely, who was born in England and became Bishop of Worcester in 1368. He was undoubtedly of Norman origin.

Arms of Ely

Argent, afesse engrailed between three fleur-de-lis, azure.
Crest: An arm erect coupled below the elbow habited argent, grasping in the hand ppr. a fleur-de-lis, sable (ref.-Crozier's General Armory).

Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The Eley family of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, is an old and distinguished one. They were among the original settlers, and were large land owners and men of affairs from the first immigrant. They were churchmen, for their names as vestrymen are found on the records of the oldest church, now called St. Luke's, but formerly known as the Old Brick Church. We find them as members of the court, Justices, soldiers of the Revolution and war of 1812; also officers of the Militia, and members of the General Assembly.

Robert Eley, I.

In 1639, Robert Eley came to America and obtained a grant of land consisting of 600 acres in Isle of Wight County, Va., on which he with eleven others settled on September 17, 1639. (See Isle of Wight Land Grant, Page 670, Richmond, Va. State Library Building)

Robert Eley, II.

It is believed that the son of the Robert Eley was also named Robert and lived and died in Nansemond County. Unfortunately, the County Records were burned and the early records are destroyed for all time. There appears to be but one record of Robert Elye, the first, in which he signed his name, and that is to be found in Surry County Records, Book I. Page 112, 30 June, 1642. It reads like this: " William Barker, of Kettle Creek, in Virginia, planter, and John Flower 900 lbs. of tobacco. Witnesses, Thomas Drew, Robt Elye. Other records of Robert Elye the first follow:

Passengers which passed from the Port of London.
Original Patents of Persons of Quality Who Went From GreatBritain to the American Colony. These underwritten names are to be transported to Virginia. ... Certified under the Ministers hand ... Gravesend etc. etc. Robert Selie, July 27, 1635. In the Primrose-Capt. John Douglass. (State Library, Richmond, Va.)

Duplicate

Robert Eley III (Third)
Robert Eley,the second,appears to have married Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie,of Nansemond County. The Eley Family lived in Nansemond County at that time.

Deed Book 2. Page 55. Isle of Wight County. Dec. 9,1706.
Indenture between Robert Eley and Lieut. Col. Henry Baker,of ye upper parish of Isle of Wight,400 acres near a certain plantation called Wooten's,granted to my grandfather,Robert Eley, being part of a patent o of600 acres,bearing date, Sep. 17,1639,desdended to me as heir-at-law of my grandfather,Robert Eley.

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Burke's General Armory. Both Burke and Fairbanks quote arms and crests of several well known Doughty Families.
The Doughty Family of Surry England,is descended from the Saxon family of Doughty,or Dougherty. Arms: Ar. 2 bars between three mullets of six points sa pierced or.
Crest: A cubic arm erect,vested per pale crenelle or and ar,cuffed gold,holding in the hand ppr. a mullet,as in the arms.

Doughty-- Henry Montague,of Theberton Hall, Suffolk,-originally of Lincoln Arms: two bars between as many mullets sa. pulvera.
Motto: Palma non sine pulvere.

Robert Eley III, appears to have married Jane Braswell,daughter of Robert Braswell,who was rector of a church in Isle of Wight. He was elected a member of the House of Burgesses,but was not permitted to serve as such,due to the English laws relative to separation of Church and State.

Robert Braswell's Will. Wills & Deeds No. 2. Page 52.
Legatees: Daughter,Jane Stoaks and her childreh; Daughter,Rebecca West; son, Richard Braswell; son, Robert Braswell; servant,Elizabeth Hall;daughter,Ann Bagnall. Mr. Richard Izard,and George Gwillen, to be guardians to my children. Made Feb.,15,1667. Prob. May 1,1668.

"Daughter Jane Stoaks" after two previous marriages,married John Roberts.
Will of Jane Roberts. Isle of Wight County. Wills & Deeds 2. Page 5
To son, Robert Eley,100 acres of land-more or less- being part of a patent of 450 acres granted to John Roberts and Jane his wife,July 20, 1680, bounded as follows:- all the land on the [illegible]ar side of the branch called the Long Branch,south side of the Beave[illegible]Dam Swamp the former deed directs that was her husband, William P[illegible]ker's, deceased.
To Thomas Jones that land that he now lives on that he bought of my brother,Richard Bragwell,to him and his heirs forever. To Rebecca Brinkley five shillings. [illegible]aughter,Jane Scott, one shilling. To son, John Roberts, To son,Thomas Roberts.To granddaughter,Martha Saunders,100 acres... that was her fathers and mother s. Wit. Wm. Scott,Robert Scott,John Sellaway. Made June 26, 1711. Prob. Aug. 4,1713.

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Page 3. Kley Family.

Isle of Wight Records Will Book 3. Page 233.

Will of Robert Kley IV
To son, Robert, 100 acres adjoining John Roberts, Henry Saunderson etc.
To son, James, 150 acres Adj. John Roberts, Jeremiah Exum etc.
To son; Edward, 80 acres from land formerly Samuel Watkins to Main Swamp/
To son, John 80 acres along Samuel Watsons' to Thomas Parker's to Swamp.
To son, Michael, the plantation where I now live, reserving to my two daughters, Christian and Mourning Kley a privilege to live on the said plantation with the said Michael until they are married. If my son Michael should die without lawful heir, then to my son William Kley.
To son, Robert, a negro woman. To son, James, anegro girl. To son, Edward, a negro girl. To son, John, a negro. To son, Kley a negro. To son, Wm. To dau. Martha Williams a negro girl. The same to daughters, Rebecca, Christian and Mourning. Sons, Robert & Michael exors.
Witnesses, Joseph White, William Denson, George Armstrong.
Made April 5, 1738. Probated July 23, 1739.

Robert Kley married Alice Gale in 1732. She was the daughter of Thos Gale. Will Book 3. Page 336. 6Will Book 5, P. 276.
Martha Kley married---Williams.
Rebecca Kley married William Williams
Kley Kley died 1740. Will Book 4. P.328. Est. Appraised by John Bowin, John Denson, Jr, Joshua Joyner
William Kley mar. Elizabeth Denson, dau. of Wm. Denson.
Edward Kley married Ann Lawrence in 1730. She mar. Joiner in 1750. She was sister of Jeremiah Lawrence.
John Kley son of Robert Kley, designated in Record Books of Isle of Wight County as John Kley Sr. He was pre-deceased by his son, John Kley, Jr

John Kley Sr's Will Will Book 8. Page446.
Mentions Grandson, Mills Kley; son, Robert; son, William; dau. Elizabeth Boon grandson, John KleyPenson; dau. Martha Carr; dau., Sarah Darden; dau., Rebecca Denson. Exors sons, Robert and William Kley.
Wit. Jesse Watkins, Thos. English; Robert Watkins, Priscilla Watkins.
Security, John Darden. Made Sep. 18, 1776. Prob. Nov. 7, 1776.

Note. Did not mention his son, John Kley, Jr. because he was dead; but mentioned his grandson, Mills Kley, son of John Kley, Jr., deceased.

Will of Capt. John Kley, Jr. W.B.8 Page 134.
Legatees; wife Ann; son, John; daughter, Sally; son, Mills; dau. Molly; daughter, Charlotte.
Wit. Elias Herring, William Watkins, Jr.; Hardy Darden.
Made March 13, 1772. Probated, May 7, 1772.

John Kley, Jr. married Ann Godwin, daughter of John Godwin.

Will of John Godwin . Will Book 7. Page97. DateMay 23, 1761. P July 2, 176
Mentions wife, Mary; daughter, Martha; son, John; son, William; daughter, E Elizabeth Green Godwin; daughter, Mary; DAUGHTER, ANN KLEY; gives her items now in the hands of Capt. John Kley, Jr.; grandson, Mills Kley.
Witnesses, Mary Hawkins, Jacoby West.
Mills Kley, son of JohnKley, Jr (Captain), married Caty Lankford, dau. of Stephen Lankford. Will Book 10. P.57.

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Eley Family Page 4.

Will of Stephen Lankford. Will 10. Page 57.
Legatees: Wife; son, Wiley; son-in-law, Mills Eley and his wife Catey; grandson, Stephen Eley; daughter, Mary; daughter, Isabel; daughter, Patty Lankford. Exors. Wife, Robert Watkins and son-in-law, Mills Eley.
Made Nov. 2, 1785. Probated April 7, 1785.
Wit. Jesse Lankford, Thomas English. Presented by Sarah Lankford, security, Robert Watkins.

Will of Mills Eley- Made Sep. 3, 1804.
1. James Madison Eley
2. Stephen Eley
3. Exum Eley
4. John Mills Eley
5. Lemuel Eley
6. Elisha Lawrence Eley
7. Marium Eley
8. Marvia Eley

James Madison Eley, Born Dec. 13, 1802. Died July 20, 1842. Wife, Patsy Holland
1. Catharine Eley, born May 17, 1830.
2. Martha Ann Virginia Eley, born Feb., 12, 1833. Mar. M. J. Guy.
3. James Leonard (Lennard) Eley, born April/ Nov. 2, 1838.

Martha Ann Virginia Eley (Gay)
1. Charles P. Gay
2. Louise Gay
3. Samuel Tilden Gay
4. Texanna Gay

Samuel Tilden Gay
1. Sydney Gay (died in infancy)
2. William S. Gay, Blacksburg, Va.
3. Texanna D. Gay, Suffolk, Va.

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A descendant of Robert Eley's son, Michael Eley, of Union Springs, Al[illegible] writes to Mrs. Leta L. Moore, Shreveport, Louisiana the following:

"My father told me that his grandmother Eley's name was [illegible] or Charity Denby. My grandfather Michael's mother was [illegible] daughter of Bennett Hillsman, a soldier of the Revolution[illegible]

Robert Eley, Sr. was the father of Michael Eley, who was [illegible] father, John Eley Sr's, brother. (Michael Eley's brother). [illegible] Micajah Norfleet Eley, son of Michael Eley, told me that [illegible] told him that [illegible]bert Eley and Richard Eley came to America [illegible] between the years 1620 and 1630. My father had forgotten [illegible] Robert or Richard was his grandfather. They settled in [illegible]

My father Michael Norfleet Eley told me that [illegible] Eleys, with [illegible] family names, and [illegible] Christian names alike, [illegible] letters of both [illegible] owner of the [illegible]. In order to [illegible] confusion, [illegible] name the son and [illegible] Eley, and [illegible] Robert. [illegible] family retained the [illegible] and Richard's [illegible] changed to Ely. [illegible] Eley [illegible] to Franklin County, N.C.

"My brother, P.T. Eley, age 93, April 6, 1952, gave me a [illegible]

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Eley Family. Page 5. continued...

Rebecca Eley,born June 11,1741;died Apr.23,1788,daughter of Judge John Eley,Gentleman, Justice of Isle of Wight County,Va.,in 1769.
Warren William Denson

John Eley Denson,a son, born Jan. 16,1764,mar. Francis Hillsman Apr.2,1807.
Augustus Russell Denson,son,b. Jan. 12,1812.Mar. Elizabeth Ivey,born August 9,1819. Parents of A.H.Denson,Attorney; andJudge Nimrod Davis Denson,of the Supreme Court of Alabama. The latter,father of Jno. V.Denson, and N.D.Denson etc."
(This was written by James Henry Eley,Union Springs,Alabama.)

Michael Eley and John Eley,Jr. were Gentlemen,and Justices of the Court in Isle of Wight in 1766. Michael Eley,Sheriff in 1768.
Benjamin Eley was Justice in 1772, also 1773-83.
John W.Eley,and Lieut. Exom Eley in war 1812.

William Denson was a Quaker,and his family appear prominently in the Qual Records. He was Burgess for Nansemond County in 1659.

His children were:-

Francis Denson	b.	Dec.1,1651.
William	"	" Nov. 25,1653.
James	"	" Aug. 8,1657.
Kethereen	"	" " 4,1659.
Sarah	"	" Nov. 14,1665.
John	"	" Mar. 20,1666.
Joseph	"	" Nov. 14,1669.

John Denson married Mary,dau.of Francis Bridle,of Isle of Wight the 12th day of the ninth month,1682. etc.

William Denson,son of John Denson,married the 12th day of the12th month, 1723,Amy Small,daughter of Benjamin Small,Chief Justice of the Nanse-Mond Co. Court in 1687. William Denson had a son William,born Dec. 20,173? and died May 22,1781,in Franklin County,North Carolina,a soldier of the Revolution.(See Soldiers in the Rev of N.C..,page 133.

The last named William Denson married Rebecca Eley,born June 11,1741,died Ap 23,1788,daughter of John Eley,Justice of Isle of Wight in 1769,and a descendant of Robert Eley,who patented 600 acres in Isle of Wight in 1639.

Isle of Wight Militia
Capt. William Eley (Court-May,1781)
Lieut. Benjamin Eley (Court- Nov.5,1772.)
Robert Eley
Lieut. John W.Eley
Lieut. Exum Eley-29th Reg. Va. Volunteers

Vestrymen of Old Brick Church-St. Luke's
Benjamin Eley,1776.

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Wills & Deeds No. 2 Isle of Wight Co., Va. Page 52.

Will of Robert Braswell: Legatee, daughter Jane Stoakes and her children; d daughter, Rebecca West; son, Robert; son, Richard; servant Elizabeth Hall; daughter, Ann Bagnell. Mr. Richard Izard, and George Gwillen (George Williams, a Welshman, this explanation by Mrs. Davis) to be guardian to my children. Feby 15, 1667. Recorded May 1, 1668.

Witnesses George Guillen, Richard Izard.

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Wills & Deeds No. 2. Page 567. Isle of Wight County.

Jane Roberts Will, Made June 26, 1711, Recorded Aug 14, 1713.
To son, Robert Eley, 100 acres more or less, being part of a patent of 1450 acres granted to John Roberts and Jane, his wife. July 20, 1680 bounded as follows: all the Land on the Lower side of the Branch called the Long Branch on the South side of Beaver Dam Swamp.
To Grandson Robert Scott, 100 acres on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp.
To Daughter, ___ Parker, 100 acres on the West side of Beaver Dam Swamp as the former deed directs, that was her Husband William Parker, deceased.
To granddaughter, Martha Saunders, 100 acres on the West Side of Beaver Dam Swamp, bounded as the ~~the~~ former deed directs that was ~~her~~ to her father and mother.
To Thomas Jones, that land that he now lives on according to the boundaries that he bought of my Brother Richard Braswell, to him and his heirs forever.
To daughter, Rebecca Brinkley, five shillings
To daughter, Jane Scott, one shilling
To son, John Roberts
To son, Thomas Roberts. Makes sons, exprs.

Witnesses- Wm. Scott
Robert Scott
John Sellaway

Deed Book No. 5. Page 310, Dec. 18, 1738.

Mary Parker, Precinct of North Carolina and Robert Eley, part of a patent to Jane Stoaks, widow, Isle of Wight, land on Nansemond Indian Creek 800 acres in the year April 19, 1680, part patented by John Roberts and Jane his wife granted by Sir Henry Chicheley 1450 acres and was given to Mary Parker by Jane Roberts, deceased, Aug. 24, 1713. on the West side of Beaver Dam Swamp...down the line to Mr. Edmund Godwins Etc. and/~~given~~/ boundary of former deed made to John Roberts and Jane his wife.

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(1) Robert Elie - To America in 1686 - Del 3 wives
Pgft III wife Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie, of Nansemond Co. D.B. 2. P. 56
(2) Robert Eley wife Jane Braswell, dau. of Robert Braswell (mar. ~~Jane Robert~~ Robt. Ely then John Roberts
(3) Robert Eley - wife ___ ? Pritchett dau. of Jeremiah Pritchett
(4) Robert Eley = wife Alice Gale, dau. Thomas Gale
Daughter Alice, married Hardy Darden - Hardy Darden dau. Alice married James Holland. Thomas, Hardy & Alice and dau. Lucy Holland.

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ELEY.

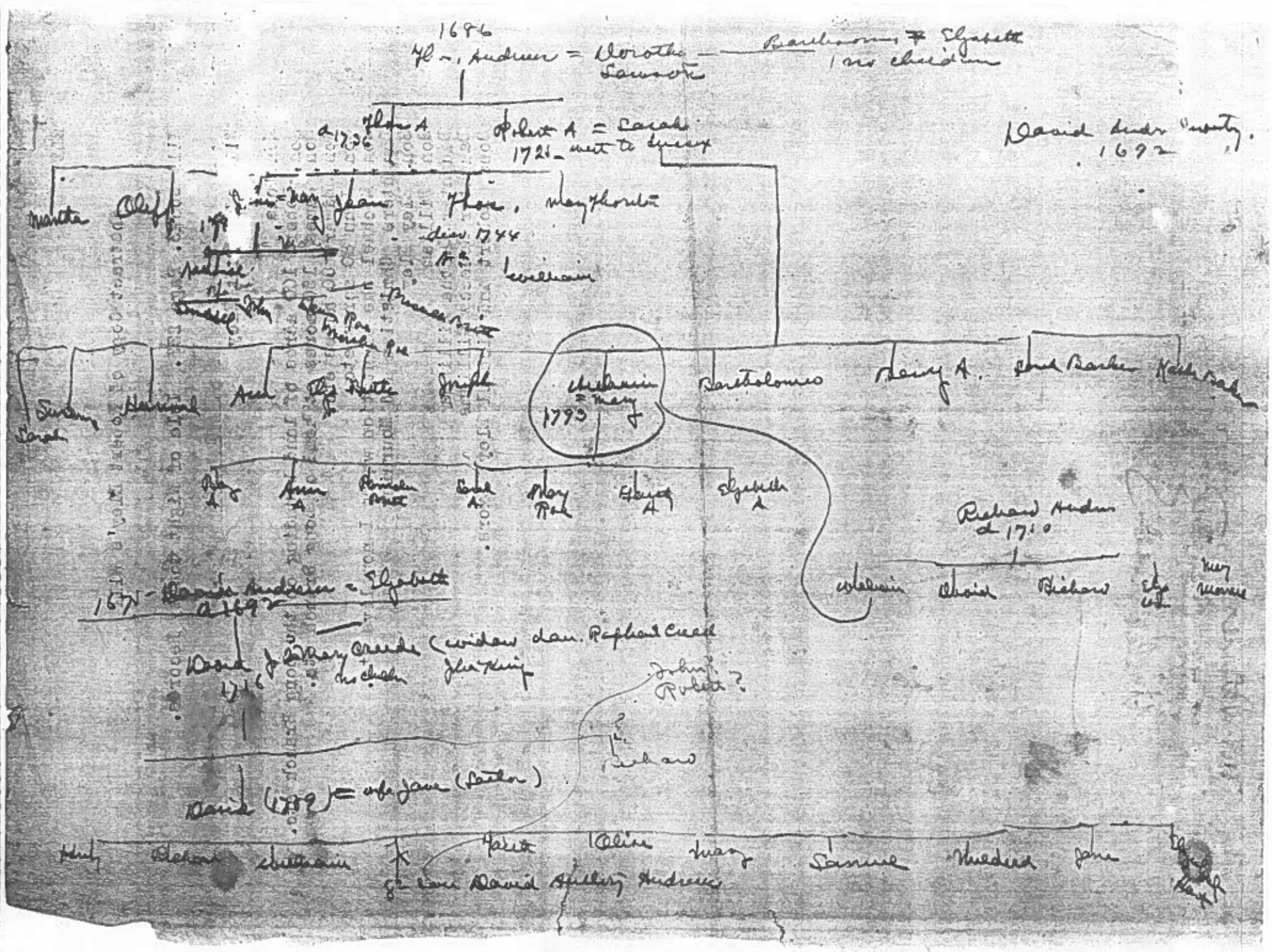
Abstract Copy of Robert Eley's Will

Will Book3. Page 233. Isle of Wight County Records.

Will of Robert Eley

Wife Sons,
Son, Robert 100 acres of land bounding on the Long Branch etc.
Son, James 150 acres at head of Long Branch etc.
Son, Edward 80 acres etc.
Son, John 80 acres etc.
Son, Michael the plantation where I now live etc.
Daughters, Christian and Mourning
Son, Eley Eley
Son, William
Daughter Martha Williams
Daughter Rebecca Williams
Sons, Robert and Michael Eley, Exors.

Duplicate


1686
Robert Andrews = Dorothy Samson
Barthomew = Elizabeth
1 no children
David under County.
1692
Richard Andrews
d 1710
Elizabeth
Mary
Mercy
Mary Creede (widow dau. Richard Creed
John? Robert?
Edward
David (1789) = wife Jane (Taylor)
Hannah
Deborah
Ruth
Jane
Samuel
Mildred
Jane
Mary

Duplicate

R. C. Colonial Records -
Vol. IX - p. 297 -
Regiment of Militia for Hertford
Co. at a General Muster the
2 [illegible] day of May, 1772 -
Commissioned Officers -
Henry Hill the Lt Coll.e (Dead)
Michael Ward Capt (Dead)
Sam.l Cozen (Capt.) removed -
~~Douglas~~
Ely Eley Lt. 3 Sgts; 3 Corpls; 1 Drummr
50 under arms -
10 absent -
60 Wlat

Benj.n Wynns, Colo -

Duplicate

Mrs. Davis

Just to show you about the Eleys in N.C.--

Franklin Co. N.C. Wills.

Josiah Eley Proved & recorded, Dec. Court, 1803.

Wife Charity

Sons
Michael
Benjamin
Josiah John (written that way- dont know if it is one or two-- C.C.C.)
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Daughters

Joanna Lankford; grand-son J. Eley Lankford
Priscilla Bonds; grandson John Eley Bonds
grand-daughter Betsey Bonds
Bessey Eley
Patience Norfleet Eley
Charity Eley
Mourning Denby Eley

Sept. 24, 1803

Signed Josiah Eley

Michael & Sarah Heldeman
James White Plains, Ga (died there)
Jno W { Green Co Ga
M N { man Ann T. Moore dau Jeffers Moore
ala 1837 Union Spring
J. H Eley
Bennett T. Eley

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Mrs. Sidney Scales Crockett
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
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Nashville, Tennessee

Sept.29, 1932

Mrs.Charles E.Davis
Isle of Wight Co.
Smithfield,Va.

My dear Mrs.Davis:

Seeing your name in the Handbook of Genealogy I am writing to ask if you could find time to do a bit of research for me in your county on a professional basis . I fear I have no records that I could offer in exchange, unless you would want some of the Overton Family who removed to Ky. and Tennessee. Those I have of Louisa Co. Va., I imagine y you already have. One I remember if not others involve both Overton and Harris.

I shall leave the terms for you to de cide and tell me so I may send on records or a check as seems best to you.

The family I am seeking is that of Eley or Ely-- and the ancestors I am sure of are those enclosed on a separate slip Eli Eley Sr. predeceased Eli Eley Jr. The name has since ebeen spelled ELY in these parts-- the surname, I mean.

Shall be glad to hear if you will undertake this commission and will send on a retainer fee if you will designate amount.

Yours very truly- and somewhat hastily--
Caroline C. Crockett
(Mrs.S.S.Crockett)

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Nashville,Tenn.
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Mrs.Chas. E.Davis
Smithfield,Va.

My dear Mrs.Davis:

in re Eleys. I am glad indeed to get your report from Southampton Co. It is good to find someone with the urge to know.

I shall put on another sheet the line as I figure it from your notes and shall ask you to revise,correct or add to, as you see fit. I am most anxious to get all of the references of proof, accurate.

Please let me know the expense of your trip to Southampton and also the additional time you have given to the search, and I will remit.

Yours cordially,

Caroline C. Crockett

(Mrs.S.S.--

P.S. Will you kindly send two certified copies of Robert Eley's will- (in case it shows sonEley) and two copies each of other records which prove descent and removal to N.C. either those I have indicated on enclosed chart- kindly considering the queries I have indicated thus * on the margin-- or others that you consider more conclusive.

Please enclose memo of cost of certification-

Of course the Va. records merely show residence in the Colony- as far as joining Colonial Dames is concerned- for the Service was done in N.C. - but I think the family will enjoy having the certified copies as proof- and I have collected them wherever possible in a number of their lines.

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118-A-17th Ave.S.
Nashville, Tenn.
Dec. ~~10~~ 7, 1932

Mrs. Chas. E. Davis
Smithfield, Va.

My dear Mrs. Davis:

I must apologize for delay in acknowledging your most satisfactory budget and sending check. A number of personal as well as work-a-day duties have pressed me.

Now for one or two additional questions:

(1) Colonial Service for any of Direct Line?
(2) Coats of Arms?
(3) Inscriptions in Church? Parish Register?

Now that I have asked, better judgment tells me to go to Library and seek the answers before getting your help.

I have the necessary service for Ely Eley of N.C.-- Ltin 1772 and the N.C.Genealogist has passed it favorably. She wanted proof of residence before 1750- and that your notes furnished.

I am compiling a Lineage Book for my client of numerous lines, and wish to include what I can find of distinction.

1- Robert EElie (I saw it spelled in one place)

2. Robert -- wife Jane Braswell--

3. Robert- Martha Doughtie-

4. Eley Eley-- Ann Lawrence, d. Jeremiah--

There are three possibilities, besides Eley--

Dont make search- till further notice, but if you have seen Arms that you think belong-- or service for any of the above- I would be glad of the reference.

I hope the Registrar of our C.D.Society will ask you soon to make a search for her on the Webb Family. She has a lot, but there is a missing proof- that she thinks lies in I of W-- I gave her your address.

With appreciation of your carefull and discerning work, I am,

Very cordially,

Caroline C. Corbett
(Mrs. S. S. ———)

I should be glad to see your sketch of Parish Church.
If Eleys are named - my client might like to purchase a copy -

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MRS. S. S. CROCKETT
GENEALOGIST
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Feb.2I, I933

My dear Mrs.Davis:

I am making free to ask another favor of you, namely to send me a photo of the Smithfield OLD CHURCH. It may be a post-card- or snap-shot- I just want to paste in Lineage Book. Enclosed find $I.(and if it is more, kindly advise.

You have spoken several times of the standing of the Ely and related families-- can you point me to a sketch of any of them?

The Lineage Book I am doing for my client- nee Eley-- has grown in interest- for me at least- and I am anxious to round it out as well as may be.

If you have any line on Arms, Family history et id omne- of Eley, Braswell,Doughtie or Lawrence, I should be glad to get it. I am not asking you to do research, but if you know where to lay your hands on any such shall be glad to pay for time and copying.

I have a Lawrence Coat of Arms, and have had anEley constructed but have no sketch of any of the familues, and no Arms or crest for Braswell or Doughtie.

Thanking you for your efficient help in the past and for this extra favor, I am,

Yours cordially,

Duplicate

Ahreveport, La.,
Aug. 25, 1935.

Mrs. Chas. W. Davis,
Smithfield, Va.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Just a line to say I am enclosing my newest notes on my Eley findings. Since I find my Eli Eley in an entirely new location it might help me or you one. I have written to see if I can get marriage certificate of my Algernon Sidney Eley, Muscogee, Ala. and hope for good luck, tho' I do not have to have it. I wrote to the U. S. Dept. of Interior, Gen. Land. Offc., abt. land grant, patent, or warrant to Eli Eley in Autauga, or Elmore, Co., but they do not reply. It may have been Montgomery Co., since Autauga was taken from Montgomery. We do not have the 1st Ala. Census here, but this new Ala. His. by Thos. M. Owens, while not entirely complete as to detail, is interesting and good.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lela S. Bone

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that the " Isle of Ely" was a religious seat in the beginning of the Christian era in England; that the first of the name of record was Nicholas de Ely who was born in England and became Bishop of Worcester in 1368; that he was undoubtedly of Norman origin; that Robert Eley came to America in 1639 and obtained a grant of 600 acres of land in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, on which he with 11 others settled in September 17, 1639, for which you cite the "Isle of Wight Land Grants", page 670, Richmond, Virginia. Can you tell me from whence Robert Eley came to America and where you obtained the other information set forth immediately above? Also can you give me your authority for our descent from an Eley to whom the arms shown in your notes were granted and does Crozier's General Armory which you cite give such information?

I am grateful to you for writing me and I trust you will find it possible to answer at least some of the questions I have raised. I am looking forward to hearing from you again within the near future.

Cordially yours

JM:H
cc: Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Smithfield, Virginia

cc: Captain John B. Boddie
Box 2076
Honolulu, Hawaii

JAMES G. W. MACCLAMROCH
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
JEFFERSON STANDARD BUILDING
GREENSBORO, N. C.

9 May 1947

Mrs. John Kay Lang
300 Weiner Avenue
Harrington, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Lang:

I am indeed pleased to have your letter of May 7 and the information therewith enclosed with regard to your Eley line.

I understand my Eley line is as follows: Robert Eley (or Elie), the immigrant to Isle of Wight County, Virginia, [illegible] who my notes show came to America in 1635 and who married Martha Doughtie (Doughty, Dowdy, Daughtie, Daughtrey ?), daughter of James Doughtie of Nansemond County, Virginia; Robert Eley, jr., who married Jane Braswell (or Bracewell), daughter of Robert Braswell; Robert Eley, III, whose wife may have been a daughter of Jeremiah Exum; Robert Eley, IV, who married Alice Gale, daughter of Thomas Gale; Alice Eley, wife of Hardy Darden (son of Captain John Darden of the Isle of Wight County, Virginia, militia in the American Revolution, son of Jacob Darden, son of Stephen Darden, jr., son of Stephen Darden who I understand was the immigrant); Alice Darden, wife of James Holland; Hardy Darden Holland; Sarah Holland, wife of William Gray Gwaltney (son of James Gwaltney, jr., son of James Gwaltney, son of John Gwaltney, jr., son of John Gwaltney, son of Thomas Gwaltney, jr., son of Thomas Gwaltney who I understand was the immigrant); Oceana Winifred Gwaltney, wife of Samuel Edwin West, Confederate soldier; Grace West, wife of James R. McClamroch; James Gwaltney Westwarren MacClamroch. I might add that the wife of James Gwaltney, jr., was Mary Davis, daughter of James Davis and wife Winifred Clarke, daughter of James Sampson Clarke who I understand was the immigrant; James Davis was a son of Thomas Davis and wife Mary Cabell. I might also add that Samuel Edwin West was descended from the Warrens and Bells and possibly the Allens and William Gray Gwaltney may have been descended from the Grays.

You will note that your Eley line as shown in your notes and my Eley line as outlined above down to our last common ancestor are different and one of them is obviously incorrect. You may be correct, but I shall appreciate your advising me from whom or from whence you obtained your information. In the meantime I am calling these differences to the attention of the genealogist who obtained most of the information on this particular line for me. If I am wrong - and it is quite possible that I am - I, of course, wish to get my records straight.

You show the immigrant, Robert Eley, as having married Martha Doughtie and we are both in agreement as to this. You next show Robert Eley, jr., as I do, but I have his wife as Jane Braswell while you have his wife as Alice _____ who must have been Alice Gale if you are correct in showing one of their children as Gale Eley, but I show Alice Gale, daughter of Thomas Gale, as the wife of Robert Eley, IV, and my descent down to them is thru Robert Eley, III, whose wife may have been a daughter of Jeremiah Exum.

In your notes it is said that the name Eley is derived from the "Isle of Ely" in Cambridgeshire, England, and in Cornish-British signifies "a place of willows";

Robert Eley IV

Isle of Wight County records. Wills & Deeds Book 2 page 567.
Jane Roberts Will, made June 26, 1711, recorded August 14, 1713.
To son, Robert Eley, 100 acres more or less, being part of a patent of 1450 acres granted to John Roberts and Jane, his wife, July 20, 1680, bounded as follows: all the land on the lower side of the branch called the Long Branch on the south side of Beaver Dam Swamp; to Grandson Robert Scott, 100 acres on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp; to Daughter, Mary Parker, 100 acres, on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp as the former deed directs that was to her husband William Parker, deceased; to Grandaughter, Martha Saunders, 100 acres on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp, bounded as the former deed directs that was to her father and mother; to Thomas Jones, that land that he now lives on according to the boundaries that he bought of my brother, Richard Braswell, to him and his heirs forever; to daughter, Rebecca Brinkley, five shillings; to daughter, Jane Scott, one shilling; to son, John Roberts; to son, Thomas Roberts. Makes sons executors.
Witnesses William Scott, Robert Scott, John Sellaway

Isle of Wight records, Deed Book 5 page 310. December 18, 1738
Mary Parker, Precinct of North Carolina, and Robert Eley, part of a patent to Jane Stoaks, widow, Isle of Wight, land on Nansemond Indian Creek, 800 acres, April 19, 1680, part patented by John Roberts and Jane his wife granted by Sir Henry Chicheley 1450 acres and was given to Mary Parker by Jane Roberts, deceased, August 24, 1713, on the west side of Beaver Dam Swamp...down the line to Mr. Edmund Godwin's, etc., and boundary of former deed made to John Roberts and Jane his wife.

1. Robert Elie to America in 1635, wife, Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie of Nansemond County, Isle of Wight Deed Book 2 page 56.
2. Robert Eley, wife, Jane Braswell, daughter of Robert Braswell (married Robert Eley then John Roberts)
3. Robert Eley, wife, ? Probably daughter of Jeremiah Exum
4. Robert Eley, wife, Alice Cole, daughter of Thomas Cole
5. Alice Eley, married Hardy Darden
6. Alice Darden, married James Holland
7. Hardy Darden Holland, married ?
8. Sally Holland, married William Gray Gwaltney
9. OceanaWinifred Gwaltney, married Samuel Edwin West
10. Grace West married James R. McClamroch
11. James G. W. MacClamroch

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12 May 1947

Mrs. John Kay Lang
300 Weiner Avenue
Harrington, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Lang:

Supplementing my letter to you of May 9:

Mrs. Thomas Pruden died some years ago. I remember her, but I do not remember Mr. Pruden. I recall that there were two or three daughters and I knew Gordon and Sidney. None of them live here now that I know of. Sidney was living here at the time of his death two or three years ago, but he lived in Danville for a number of years before returning here. His widow married again and she and her daughter now live in Reidsville. I believe I recall seeing in the newspapers that the daughter was married a few months ago but I am not certain. Her name is Shirley. The last I heard of Gordon he was living in Clayton and several years ago married a widow. I never realized until your letter that the Pruden boys and I are distantly kin. I understand from your letter that Mrs. Pruden was your first cousin; that she was a Marshall and her mother was an Eley. She therefore has the same common Eley ancestor with me that you do and doubtless has the same common Holland ancestor.

I note that you also have several Hollands in your line and it is quite likely that in addition to having a common Eley ancestor you and I also have a Holland common ancestor. I noted in my letter to you of May 9 the Hollands in my line as far as I know them and anything you can add will be greatly appreciated. I understand that one of my Holland ancestors was also a Revolutionary soldier - I believe from Isle of Wight County - but I have not as yet been able to prove it.

There were two Eley men at the University of North Carolina before and during my time there. The elder was in school with my older cousin, Dr. Roland McClamroch, who is now a member of the faculty there, and the younger was there for a time with me. The elder belonged to my college fraternity and the last I heard of him was a practicing physician in Portsmouth. I do not recall the name of the younger but he was known as "Slick" Eley. I did not realize at the time that these men were distant kinsmen of mine but from what I know now I am sure they are.

My mother had considered attending the National Congress of the DAR in Washington beginning May 19 but abandoned the idea when it developed that my sister, Mrs. James F. Hoge of New York, and her children were paying us a visit about that time.

With thanks

Sincerely yours

Original Signed
JAMES MacCLAMROCH

JM:ilp

cc: Mrs. Charles E. Davis
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Box 2076, Honolulu, Hawaii

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16 May 1947

Captain John B. Boddie
Box 2076
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear John:

It is true that I am a Braswell descendant provided Mrs. Charles E. Davis of Smithfield, Virginia, has worked out my Holland, Darden, Eley, Braswell, Gale, Doughtie line correctly which I am sure she has except that I have found an apparent difference in my Eley line with that of Mrs. John Kay Lang of Harrington, Delaware, which I have called to Mrs. Davis' attention.

As to the Wests, while I am not as yet certain, it appears that William Major West (whose second wife was Lucy Caroline Warren, daughter of Phillips Warren, son of Lieutenant Jesse Warren, son of Allen Warren, III, etc.) was the son of Bernard Major - I believe it was Bernard Major, III - and Sara _____ who subsequently married a Cryer or Cryar and he, William M. West, took the name West on being adopted or at least reared by William West and wife who lived near Carsley's church in Surry County. I have been trying for years to find out definitely whether Bernard Major who in his will left William Major West a considerable portion of his estate and called him his son was his father and what Sara _____ Cryer's maiden surname was, but thus far without success. If William Major West was a Major which now appears likely then his Major lineage on back to the immigrant is clear. As you know he was Sheriff of Surry County for many years.

I note that the original Braswell ancestor as shown by Mrs. Davis in my line, was named Robert and it is quite likely that he is the same Robert Braswell (Braswell, Bracewell), shown in your note from 1 Henning page 378 as having been the son of Richard Bracewell, gentleman, of London, having matriculated at Oxford University February 22, 1627-28, at the age of 15 and having graduated with the B. A. degree on November 3, 1631, who came to Virginia before 1651, was chosen a member of the House of Burgesses in 1653, and died in Isle of Wight County in 1668 leaving a large library. I am writing our friend Frank Tyler of Canterbury to try to find the will of Richard Bracewell among the wills of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury or in the records of the London courts as you suggest and as soon as I hear from him I shall let you know.

In going thru the April 1915 issue of the Virginia Magazine, Vol. XXIII No. 2, I find beginning on page 207 and running thru page 211 excerpts from Surry County Order Books, Will Books and Deed Books which you may find of interest if you have not already seen them. I am having copies made and am sending them to you herewith. It is my guess that the James Davis mentioned as having been appointed a lieutenant of militia was my ancestor. The Jesse Warren who was appointed a lieutenant in another company is my ancestor. It is also my guess that the John Ealey (Eley), the Grays and the Allens are my kinsmen. The Berriman (Berryman) and the Marriotts and the Spencer mentioned are probably kinsmen of some of my kinsmen. You will probably be interested in noting the references to Washingtons who were either residents or landowners in Surry and Isle of Wight counties.

the Henry Crafford

The Christopher Moering (Moring) was probably the ancestor of the Christopher Moring who was the first master of Greensboro Lodge 76, my Masonic lodge, which is the oldest of the Masonic lodges here and was established in the 1820's. You will recall that a Christopher Moring, probably the same one, was a member of one of the juries in one of the law suits involving title to parts or all of Smith's Fort plantation in 1677 and 1712.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours

Original Signed
JAMES MacCLAMROCH

JM:ilp

cc: Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Smithfield, Virginia

WILLIAM S. GAY, C.P.A.
P. O. BOX 166

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

September 17, 1948

Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Box 106
Smithfield, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I understand that you have compiled a brief history of the Eley family. Will you please advise me as to whether or not it covers the descendants of Robert Eley who received a land grant in Isle of Wight of 600 acres of land on September 17, 1639.

I am also interested in the Darden family provided in concerns one--Julius Darden, whose mother was a sister of Mary Seeds. If I remember correctly, Julius Darden was either the father or grandfather of Mrs. P. D. Gwaltney, Mrs. John Marshall, Harry Darden, etc., of Smithfield, Va.

198 J.

Sincerely yours,
William S. Gay
William S. Gay

Julius H. Darden -

WILLIAM S. GAY, C.P.A.
P. O. BOX 166

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BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

October 6, 1948

Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Smithfield, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I have your letter of October 4th and will appreciate it if you will prepare for me a history of the Eley family as indicated. As to its contents, I believe that I can leave that up to your judgement. I might say, however, that I prefer for it to contain too much rather than too little.

Shall I send you a check for $25.00* now or wait until you notify me that your have completed your work?

No wonder you smiled upon reading about the request for a list of the descendants of Robert Eley residing in and around Smithfield. I really do not want a list of all of the descendats or even most of them. What I had in mind was a list of those that you knew about just from memory, or from what you remembered from your notes. You see, I am fairly well acquainted with all of the families living in Smithfield and just wondered if any of them were descendants of Robert Eley. Just curious in in a limited way, that's all.

As for the Eley-Bridger relationship, I will try to find out what I can for you. So far, however, I neve been able to obtain but very little, if any, direct evidence. All that I know is what I wrote you in my last letter.

Sincerely,

William S. Gay

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* I understand that this figure might be higher in amount WSG

WILLIAM S. GAY, C.P.A.
P. O. BOX 166

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
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BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

November 12, 1948

Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Smithfield, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 5, and the enclosed cut of the Eley Arms. Since it will be several weeks if not months before I get a chance to really return to my genealogical studies I am returning it with this letter. I hope that you will be kind enough to again loan it to me if I need it.

It appears at the present time that it will be necessary for me to postpone my trip to Smithfield until the Christmas holidays. I had intended to visit that section of the country next week but my father died on the 5th and I have just returned to Blacksburg. Having lost so much time from my work I do not feel that I can be away unless it is absolutely necessary.

Could you do some MORE research work for me on the other members of my family? No hurry at all for the results but I thought that it might help to have a general out line of the information desired so that if you happen to come across anything of interest that you could make a note of it, etc. Here is a tentative list of the projects.

1st. I would like to have additional information on the Anne Godwin that married John Eley, Jr. It would appear that she was one of the Godwins that lived around Chuckatuck. I note that one of them married a Mills, and that John Godwin, her father, appraised several estates with a Jonathan Godwin. Just carry the work back far enough to establish a definite connection, if one exists.

2nd. Cap't Billy Seeds or the Seeds family. Many years ago I saw in one of my antecedents a framed Coat of Arms for both the Seeds and Turner families. It was many years ago and at that time I didn't mean very much to me. As a starting point I will outline what information I have at the present time; What information that comes to me subsequently will be forwarded.

3rd. The Turner family, and

4th. The Gays.

Since the Seeds family, the Dardens, and the Turners intermarried, I am going to attempt to combine all of the information in this letter. Incidentally, my sister's daughter married a Darden several years ago. And it so happens that he is a direct descendant of the Henry Darden referred to below. No doubt, some of the information appearing below maybe quite interesting to you. That is, providing I have been properly informed.

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February 7, 1949

Mrs. Charles E. Davis
Smithfield, Virginia

Dear Madam:

I understand that you have some information concerning the Eley family of Isle of Wight County. I am a daughter of Louisa Gay (m Hart) who was a daughter of Mary Ann Virginia Eley (m Gay) who was a daughter of James Madison Eley. Please let me know what the cost would be for a copy of this information.

I am interested also in the Gay and Hart family histories. My father was Ruffin Allen Hart, son of Gilberry Hart, of Surry County. Please let me know if you have any data on these two families. A stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours truly,

Mamie Hart Harris.

(Mrs. John Turner Harris)

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Miss B. Leech
[illegible] Road
Richmond 21, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Leech:

I am indeed grateful to you for your letter of May 21 and the Eley family notes sent therewith.

Mrs. John K. Lang of Harrington, Delaware, has also written me sending her notes and advising as from whom she got much of her information. I am sending you copies of my letters to her herewith and I trust we shall soon be able to get our Eley lines definitely straightened out. You will observe from my letters to Mrs. Lang the differences in her line and the way I have mine and I shall point out to you the differences in your line. I obtained most of my information as to my line from Mrs. Charles E. Davis of Smithfield, Virginia, and I shall appreciate your advising me from whom you obtained your information if you did not do the work yourself.

My Eley line as compiled by Mrs. Davis is briefly set forth in my letter of May 9 to Mrs. Lang, a copy of which is sent you herewith. According to Mrs. Davis, Martha Doughtie, daughter of James Doughtie of Nansemond County, Virginia, was the wife of Robert Eley, the immigrant, (1) while you show her as the wife of Robert Eley III. You do not show the wife of Robert Eley, junior, while Mrs. Davis shows her to have been Jane Braswell, daughter of Robert Braswell. Both Mrs. Davis and you show the wife of Robert Eley IV to have been Alice Gale, daughter of Thomas Gale. Both you and Mrs. Lang appear to be descended from Gale Eley, while I am descended from his sister, Alice Eley, who married Hardy Darden, but Mrs. Lang shows Gale Eley as the son of Robert Eley, junior, while you show him as the son of Robert Eley IV.

I sent copies of my letters to Mrs. Lang to Miss Louise Eley of Fresno, California, and Miss Julia Brinkley of Suffolk, Virginia, from whom it appears that Mrs. Lang obtained the information set forth in her Eley line, as well as to Mrs. Davis and I am also sending a copy of this letter to them with the hope that one or more of them will be able definitely to straighten out this Eley line for us. It will probably help if you will let me know from whom you obtained your information.

With thanks,

Sincerely yours,
Original Signed
JAMES MacCLAMROCH

JMcp
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Smithfield, Virginia

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